

## TEARS WERE SHED

MANY PERSONS MOVED BY THE ELOQUENCE OF ISADOR RAYNER.

Enchrymose Exhibition in the Naval Court When Schley's Chief Counsel Delivered His Peroration.

EVEN THE REAR ADMIRAL WEPT

AND DEWEY AND HIS COLLEAGUES SHOWED SIGNS OF EMOTION.

Rayner's Concluding Words Followed by Silence, Then a Remarkable Demonstration in Court.

AUDIENCE BROKE INTO CHEERS

AND SURGED FORWARD TO GREET SCHLEY AND HIS COUNSEL.

Dewey, Benham, Ramsey, of the Court, and Lemly Among Those Who Offered Congratulations.

POINTS FROM THE ADDRESS

SCHLEY PICTURED AS A HERO AND VICTIM OF ENVIOUS FOES.

Who Can Afford to Avail the Verdict of Posterity—Government Witnesses Held Up to Ridicule.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The climax of the Schley court of inquiry came this afternoon when Mr. Rayner, chief counsel for Admiral Schley, concluded a brilliant argument of over three hours with a peroration so eloquent and impassioned that all within the room of his voice were profoundly touched. This remarkable trial, he said, sought to condemn the man who had brought to a successful termination as great a naval triumph as was ever won. In vivid colors he painted the picture of the Brooklyn, with Commodore Schley on the bridge, fighting the entire Spanish fleet until the smoke of the Brooklyn's guns was in the air. The thunders of the Brooklyn, he said, aroused Admiral Schley's envious foes. He pictured the victorious sailor suffering as few have suffered for three long years while the fires of persecution leaped around him and now awaiting the verdict of the court. "And when it comes," he concluded, "he can from the high and exalted position that he occupies look down on his traducers and maligners and with excellent pride exclaim: 'I care not for the venomous gossip of clubs, drawing rooms and cliques and the poisoned shafts of envy and of malice. I await under the guidance of divine Providence the verdict of posterity.'"

The scene in the courtroom as he finished with these words was thrilling. The attendance had been large all day and at the morning session a woman had fainted from excitement. As Mr. Rayner began his eulogy of Admiral Schley, tears in the audience, many of whom were women, leaped forward in their seats. The spell of his oratory was over them, and when he described the admiral's gallant deeds and the long persecution to which he had been subjected many of them wept.

The members of the court displayed evidences of emotion and Admiral Schley himself was plainly moved. He sat leaning back with his hands behind his head. His chin twitched, and as his counsel said he could afford to await the verdict of posterity two big tears rolled down his cheeks. He moved uneasily to conceal his emotion, and under the pretense of adjusting his glasses brushed the tears aside.

For full thirty seconds after Mr. Rayner closed there was not a sound. Then the tension broke in a loud burst of applause. Admiral Dewey, after about half a minute, arose to remind the spectators that a moment afterward the court adjourned, the judge advocate pleading that he could not well go on to-day.

Then another remarkable thing happened. As soon as the gavel fell the entire audience surged forward to shake the hands of Admiral Schley and Mr. Rayner. But the on-coming spectators fell back a moment as they saw Admiral Dewey and his two associates move round to the table, as if by a common impulse, and congratulate Admiral Schley and his counsel. Even Captain Lemly, the judge advocate, came forward to join in the congratulations. Then the public had its inning, and for fifteen minutes after the court adjourned Admiral Schley and Mr. Rayner were kept busy shaking hands.

Mr. Rayner's argument to-day consumed the whole day of the court, except for half an hour at the opening, when Captain Parker, his associate counsel, occupied in concluding. Mr. Rayner took up the specifications one by one, reserving those relating to the retrograde movement until the last. So far as he was able to do so he used the testimony of the defendant's witnesses to prove his contentions. With regard to the retrograde movement, which he discussed with greater seriousness than the other specifications, he adduced in justification not only Admiral Schley's reasons for believing the Spanish fleet was not in Santiago harbor, but argued that every officer charged with the responsibility of command must be clothed with discretion in carrying out instructions. He displayed good temper in advertising to the testimony of most of the officers, especially the ranking officers who seemed to contradict his client, giving them in each case credit for honesty of purpose. But with a few he dealt unsparingly. Wood, Potts and Bristol he held up to ridicule.

Captain Lemly will begin the closing argument to-morrow afternoon, as the court will not hold a session to-morrow morning.

Admiral Dewey announced privately before the opening of the court to-day that there would be no morning session of the court to-morrow. Mrs. Dewey has been indisposed recently and the admiral will devote the forenoon to-morrow to removing

her from their home in the suburbs to their residence.

Immediately after the court convened, at 11 o'clock this morning, Captain Parker resumed his address in behalf of Admiral Schley. He took up the discussion of the subject where he had left off yesterday, considering in turn the reconnaissance of May 31, the early question and the battle of July 3, including the loop of the Brooklyn. Captain Parker talked for twenty-five minutes. "If the Spanish gunners could have shot as the Americans did," declared Captain Parker at one point in his address, "Admiral Schley, instead of being on trial, as he is to-day, would be in a sailor's grave. Captain Parker concluded with a glowing tribute to Admiral Schley.

MR. RAYNER'S ADDRESS.

Witnesses Who Testified Against Schley Severely Arraigned.

Mr. Rayner began his argument at 11:25 a. m. He paid a compliment to Judge Advocate Lemly and his assistants, Mr. H. H. Lutz, for the "most judicial impartiality with which they have managed this case." Mr. Rayner made a plea for consideration of questions from what was at that time Commodore Schley's point of view. "Let us," he said, "put ourselves in his place and see what the circumstances were. We all know now what it would have been wise to do." Discussing dispatch No. 7, known as the "Dear Schley" letter, Mr. Rayner contended that the order conveyed in that message made it incumbent upon Admiral Schley to remain at Cienfuegos. He declared that this was the key to the whole case, and that it did not admit of any other construction than that Commodore Schley should remain at Cienfuegos.

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MAY SOON BE SET FREE

MISS STONE AND MME. TSILKA WERE BOTH WELL ON OCT. 29.

And the United States Legation at Constantinople is Hopeful Their Release Will Be Effected.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 6.—The officials of the United States legation here have received news through Salonica that indicates the early release of two captives in the hands of the brigands. On Oct. 29 Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka were both well.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The State Department received to-day a cablegram from Consul General Dickinson, at Constantinople, saying that he had received a letter from Miss Stone, the missionary held by brigands for ransom, dated Oct. 29.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 6.—A dispatch to the Rossia from Sofia, Bulgaria, says the monastery has again been subjected to a domiciliary search, and that a number of the monks have been arrested on charges of complicity in the abduction of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, and her companion, Mme. Tsilka.

SOPIA, Bulgaria, Nov. 6.—The brigands, having Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, and her companion, Mme. Tsilka, in their custody were in Bulgarian territory, near the Turkish frontier, last week, according to authoritative intelligence. The brigands were lodged in caves and fires were lighted to protect them from the severe cold. Since then the brigands and the women have gone to some place unknown.

The fact that violent measures, such as military and naval operations, were not taken indicates that the brigands are under the impression that the longer they wait the better their terms will be obtainable. This attitude is regarded as being partly due to the publicity given to the subscriptions toward the ransom, and to the increasing difficulty experienced by Consul General Dickinson in his efforts to reduce the brigands' demands.

TO TRANSPORT TROOPS

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

Dates of Sailing of Cavalry and Infantry and Vessels on Which They Will Embark for Manila.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The orders of the War Department for transferring troops from the United States to the Philippines and from the Philippines to the United States were published to-day. The second squadron of the Eleventh Cavalry left New York on the Crook about Dec. 1. The headquarters of the staff, band and third squadron will sail on the Buford from New York near the middle of January and the third squadron from San Francisco about Dec. 16. The two battalions of the Twenty-eighth Infantry will sail from San Francisco on the Grant about Nov. 12 and the other battalion will sail about Dec. 1. It was supposed that this battalion would go on the Warren, but as that vessel has been assigned the battalion probably will go later on the Hancock.

The order also directs that the Fourth, Seventeenth, Twentieth and Twenty-second regiments of infantry, and the United States, shall sail for the Philippines as soon as transports are available.

A dispatch from Manila was received at the War Department to-day confirming the news that the transport Warren had been ordered to Manila. The Hancock, which had just arrived at Manila, had been coaled and dispatched to Kobe, directed the release of the Spanish prisoners. The Warren's passengers to San Francisco. The congressional party which has been assigned to the Warren were among the Warren's passengers.

Action in Criminal Cases.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—A large mail was received at the War Department to-day from the records of a large number of criminal cases. Two natives named Castro and Cruz were convicted of seizing Juan Salvador, a native sailor on the gunboat Charleston, while he was ashore near Manila, and they were sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor. General Chaffee directed the release of the Spanish prisoners from the evidence in the Castro case. He approved the sentence ordering their execution Oct. 2.

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## DEFEAT AND RETREAT.



CROKER—"Well, I saved something out of it, anyhow."

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## LI HUNG CHANG DEAD

NOTED CHINESE STATESMAN DIED AT 11 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

Passed Away in His Burial Clothes and with His Yard Full of Paper Horses, Chairs and Cools.

AN ANCIENT CHINESE CUSTOM PREPARATIONS WERE MADE TO CARRY HIS SOUL TO HEAVEN.

His Death Due to Chronic Gastritis and Refusal of Family to Permit Proper Treatment.

PEKING, Nov. 7.—Li Hung Chang died at 11 o'clock this morning. On Monday night he disregarded the advice of his physicians and attended to some official duties. Yesterday when the doctors called they found him unconscious and apparently dying. At 9 o'clock last evening Earl Li displayed unexpected vitality, but the physicians held out no hope.

Robert Cushman, an American, who was one of the physicians attending Earl Li, told the correspondent of the Associated Press that when he was called to act with Dr. Velde, of the German legation, Nov. 1, he found the patient very weak from a severe hemorrhage, due to ulceration of the stomach. "The hemorrhage was readily controlled," said Dr. Cushman, "but owing to the underlying condition of chronic gastritis, with persistent nausea, only the mildest liquid food could be injected. Tuesday he was cheerful and without pain, but at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning he became unconscious and was no longer able to get rid of the collection of mucus which he had been freely expectorating. Death was expected owing to symptoms supervening upon gradual carbonic acid poisoning."

Throughout last evening details were frequently administered.

Earl Li's persistent refusal to refrain from attending to government business aggravated his malady, while the refusal of the family to permit certain measures customary in western medical practice for relieving the stomach contributed to his death.

The wife of Earl Li and his two sons and daughter were with him. They are greatly distressed. Yesterday the burial clothes were put on the dying statesman. The courtyard of the Yamen was filled with paper horses and chairs, with coals and incense, which his friends sent him. In accordance with Chinese customs, to be buried when he died, in order to carry his soul to heaven.

The Chinese officials are somewhat uneasy concerning the effect his death will have on the populace, and to guard against a possible anti-foreign demonstration, the Chinese generals have disposed their troops about the city in such a way as to command the situation. Trouble, however, is not expected.

Telegrams have been sent summoning Prince Ching, who is now on his way to Peking, and Chen Tzu-shan, the Chinese minister to the United States, to assume the general charge of government affairs and the latter will act as Governor of Chi-Li until Li Hung Chang's successor in that office, who will probably be Yuan Shi Kai, is appointed.

AMERICAN BANK PROPOSED.

Mr. Rockhill Thinks One Should Be Established in China.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—W. W. Rockhill, who represented this government in the final settlement with China, had a conference with Assistant Secretary Taylor, of the Treasury Department, to-day in regard to the representation of the United States on the commission of bankers, which by the terms of the final protocol is charged with the duty of receiving and paying over to the several governments in interest the sums to be paid by China as indemnity.

DISCUSSED IN SECRET.

Mexican Arbitration Treaty Before the Pan-American Congress.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 6.—This morning the Pan-American Congress decided to go into secret session to hear the project of the arbitration treaty proposed by the Mexican delegation. The votes against the secret session were those of Paraguay, Argentine, Bolivia and Peru. The project is true the project is largely on lines recommended by the Hague Peace Conference, but with two noted exceptions, both in favor of Chile.

The Guatemala delegation presented a plan for the purpose of facilitating the adjustment of controversies which the several governments participating in the convention may have been unable to settle diplomatically.

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